

Subject: Re: Public Records Request — ALPR / Flock Safety records
Date: Wednesday, August 5, 2026 at 2:30:47 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Mark Williams
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Ms. Dowless and Chief Rockenbach,

I'm following up on my July 1, 2026 public-records request concerning the Whiteville Police Department's automated license plate reader (ALPR) program, including the reader system the Department deployed in early 2026. More than five weeks have passed without an acknowledgment, a production, or an estimated timeframe. Most agencies have responded within 20 days.

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 132-6(a) requires public records to be furnished "as promptly as possible." I'm glad to take production on a rolling basis, and — as I noted originally — if the Department operates no ALPR or Flock system, a brief written statement to that effect fully satisfies the request.

Accordingly, I ask that by **Friday, August 15, 2026** the Department provide the responsive records, a written statement that it operates no ALPR system, or a firm completion date. I remain glad to confer by phone.

Thank you for your attention to this.

Respectfully,
Mark Spencer Williams

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From: Mark Williams <mwilliams@ricefamilylaw.com>

Date: Wednesday, July 1, 2026 at 7:28 AM

To: [REDACTED]

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To the City Clerk and Whiteville Police Department,

Under the North Carolina Public Records Law, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 132-1 et seq., I request copies of the following records concerning the Department's automated license plate reader (ALPR) program, including the license plate reader system the Department deployed in early 2026.

Electronic copies (native PDF, CSV, or Excel) are acceptable and preferred.

1. **Every vendor contract**, order form, quote, and renewal for ALPR cameras or services — including any agreement with Flock Safety, Inc. — and all amendments.
2. The Department's **ALPR policy, SOP, or general order** governing camera use, access, and auditing.
3. All **data-sharing agreements and MOUs**, including with the Columbus County Sheriff's Office, the New Hanover County Sheriff's Office, other North Carolina agencies, the State Bureau of Investigation, ICE, CBP, and any nationwide lookup or "hot list" network.
4. The Flock (or equivalent) **Organization Audit, Network Audit, and Event Log** for the most recent three complete months (**April–June 2026**), in native export format.
5. The **current number of ALPR cameras** the Department operates and the general areas they cover.
6. The **data-retention schedule** and any preservation or deletion settings.
7. All **invoices, purchase orders, and payment records** for ALPR cameras or services, including the funding source.
8. Any records of **misuse, audit exceptions, or discipline** relating to ALPR searches.
9. **Communications with the vendor** regarding data sharing, network configuration, or federal access.

If the Department does not operate any ALPR or Flock system, please confirm that in writing.

I ask to inspect these records at no cost and to receive electronic copies. If any portion is withheld, please cite the specific statutory basis and produce the remainder. Please acknowledge receipt.

Respectfully,

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